to have put a general question which involves policy. The hon. Members knows, as well as I do, that the Government have granted fee concessions to all students, who are poor, up to III Form.

Malayalam Elementary Schools in Kasargode Range

* 2931 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Malayalam Elementary Schools now functioning in the Range of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Kasargode;

(*b*) whether any Malayalam knowing Deputy Inspector is now working in the range; and

(*c*) if not, why?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Forty.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Deputy Inspectors in the Kasargode Range know how to speak Malayalam and know a little of Malayalam script. The range is bi-lingual, having both Malayalam and Kannada Schools. Suitable Deputy Inspectors who are fully qualified in both these languages have not been available to be posted to the range.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Sir, even though suitable candidates with bi-lingual proficiency might not have been available, is the bias or accent on Malayalam insisted upon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Hon. Members are aware that during the discussion on the States Re-organization Commission's Report, it was pointed out that there were a large number of Kanarese schools and that there were only two Malayalam schools. Considering that, the bias has to be more on Kanarese than on Malayalam.

Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Sir, the Deputy Inspector who was working in the Hosdrug Range and who knows both the languages has now been posted to Kasargode Range. But, at the same time, the Deputy Inspector who is not familier with Malayalam has been posted to Hosdrug Range where there are one or two Kanarese schools. Will the Government take note of this fact and post a Malayalam-knowing Deputy Inspector to Hosdrug Range?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, it is the aim of the Government to post officers who know the language of the region and the language with which they have to deal if properly qualified persons are available. It may be that for short periods some persons not knowing the language may be functioning, but the object of the Government is always to post officers who know the language.

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SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether Malayalam-knowing Deputy Inspectors are not available and if so, why a Malayalam-knowing Deputy Inspector cannot be posted to Hosdrug range?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It may not be possible at all times to post particular officers knowing a particular language. So, there might have been difficulties for short periods in filling up vacancies by posting particular persons knowing a particular language. But my own view is that we should not attach too much importance to this, because as far as the Inspecting Officers are concerned, even though they may not know a particular language, inspection work will not suffer on that account.

Conference of Industrialists

* 2932 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Conference of prominent industrialists in the State was held at the instance of the Government in 1955; and

(*b*) if so, the resolutions passed at that conference and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) In connexion with the formulation of the programme for the development of industries in Madras State under the Second Five-Year Plan, the Government convened an informal conference of representatives of trade and industry on the 25th March, 1955.

(*b*) As a result of the discussions it was agreed that two Committees, one for large and medium scale industries and another for small scale and cottage industries, might be constituted to consider the scope and suggest programmes for the industrial development of the State. The Government appointed two Committees accordingly.

SRI T. SHANMUGAM : Was the Conference held at the instance of the Government and may I know whether the Government contributed any amount towards the expenditure?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இதற்கு மகாநாடு என்று பெயர் சொல்லப்பட்டாலும் அது உண்மையில் மகாநாடு அல்ல. சில இண்டஸ்ட்ரியலிஸ்ட்ஸ் செக்ரடேரியட்டில் வந்து பேசினார்கள். அதுதான். தபால் செலவு தவிர வேறு செலவு இல்லை.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Sir, arising from the answer given by the Hon. Minister, may I ask him what the chances of locating heavy industries in our State are?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no idea at present about the chances or prospects and the Government of India tell us that it all depends on the advice of the experts to whose guidance they look.